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It is the vision of the El Paso International Airport to promote El Paso as the premier gateway to Mexico and the nation's leading border community through excellence in transportation services.

The Airport, through dedication and diligence, maintains its mission to provide the best air transportation services and facilities for the City of El Paso and surrounding region by aggressively focusing on four major priorities:

- Safety and security
- Customer satisfaction and convenience
- Fiscal responsibility
- Regional economic development

Since 1928, the El Paso International Airport (EPIA) has provided passenger and air cargo service to our region. It is managed by the Department of Aviation, with strong support from other City departments and other community resources. The Airport operates as an Enterprise Fund, with finances outside of and separate from the City's General Fund.

EPIA provides direct service to the nation's nine largest hubs and offers El Pasoans multiple convenient, cost-effective services to all of North America, Europe and Asia. The Airport offers over 7,900 seats on 70 daily flights to 15 different non-stop destinations, linking El Paso to the nation and the world.

The Airport's Air Cargo Center is the largest, most modern facility on the U.S./Mexico border with 300,000 square feet of under-roof space and 37 acres of aircraft parking. The International Trade Processing Center, a one-stop facility located at the Airport's Air Cargo Center, streamlines international trade by offering on-site Foreign Trade Zone and U.S. Customs services.

DIVISIONS / CORE SERVICES:

- Passenger Service
- Cargo Service
- General Aviation

Ancillary Services:

- Industrial/Economic Development
- Foreign Trade Zone/ Customs Services



ACHIEVEMENTS FY05

El Paso International Airport is recognized as an international and regional leader in commercial aviation:

- In 2005, El Paso International Airport was ranked 11th by J.D. Power and Associates in their 2004 Global Airport Satisfaction Index Survey
- In 2004/2005, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) awarded the El Paso Airport \$16,863,358 in AIP Grants and multi-year grants
- The groundbreaking ceremony for the Butterfield Trail Golf Course, designed by world-renowned golf course architect Tom Fazio, was held on February 21, 2005. This is the first phase in the development of El Paso's first resort hotel. The project cost is \$15 million, which will be paid for by Airport enterprise funds.
- The commissioning ceremony of the Runway Lighting Project was held on October 25, 2005. The scope of work included the replacement of the Airport's airfield electrical system for runways and taxiways & the construction of a new airfield lighting vault and lighting control system. The project cost \$8.3 million, of which 95 percent was federally funded and 5 percent paid for with Airport enterprise funds.

